Piped Water Supply Scheme to Hallikhed

486. Sri PRABHU RAO JAGADALE (Hulsoor).—

Will the Minister for Development be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the stage of the Scheme of piped water supply to Hallikhed (B), District Bidar ;

(*b*) the steps taken to expedite the same ?

Sri P. M. NADGOUDA (Minister for Development).—

(*a*) and (*b*) Water supply scheme to Hallikhed (B) Village in Bidar District has been sanctioned at an estimated cost os Rs. 3,65,000. The C. E. (Genl.), Bangalore will take necessary action for the execution of the Scheme.

Calling Attention to a Matter of Urgent Public Importance *re* : the visit by Chief Minister to Delhi to discuss the Fifth Finance Commission Award to State

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN (Malleswaram).—Sir, I call the attention of the Hon. Chief Minister to his visit to New Delhi and his meeting with the Prime Minister to convey her the strong feeling of the State Government and the legislators in regard to the award of the Fifth Finance Commission.

Sir, the Hon. Chief Minister is not present.

Sri K. H. PATIL (Hubli).—Sir, I rise on a point of order. The person who has gone to Delhi will have first-hand information and we want to ask him certain questions, which the Hon. Minister for Parliamentary Affairs who has risen to make the statement will not be able to answer. We want to have first-hand information from the horse's mouth and not on the basis of the news that has appeared in the Press.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—The Hon Minister for Parliamentary Affairs is capable of answering all the questions.

Sri K. H. PATIL.—We may ask certain questions which he may not be able to answer. Later on let him not say that he does not know.

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN.—Rule 63 of the Rules of Procedure says that a member may call the attention of a Minister on any matter and *the* Minister may make a brief statement. I have called the attention of *a* Minister and *the* Minister, namely the Chief Minister, has to make the statement. It cannot be made by the Parliamentary Affairs Minister. Mo.e than that, this is a very important matter and as the hon. Member Sri K. H. Patil stated we may need clarificatlons which only the Chief Minister with his personal knowledge may be able to give. I